

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

SITING COUNCIL

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NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC \* SEPTEMBER 18, 2012  
(AT&T) \* (7:00 p.m.)

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF \*  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND \*  
PUBLIC NEED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, \* DOCKET NO. 428  
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A \*  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY \*  
LOCATED AT ONE OF TWO SITES; \*  
ROXBURY TAX ASSESSOR PARCEL \*  
ID #32-008 OFF OF ROUTE 67, \*  
ROXBURY, CONNECTICUT, OR \*  
126 TRANSYLVANIA ROAD, ROXBURY \*

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BEFORE: ROBIN STEIN, CHAIRMAN

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1 . . .Verbatim proceedings of a hearing  
2 before the State of Connecticut Siting Council in the  
3 matter of an application by New Cingular Wireless PCS,  
4 LLC (AT&T), held at the Roxbury Town Hall, 29 North  
5 Street, Roxbury, Connecticut, on September 18, 2012 at  
6 7:00 p.m., at which time the parties were represented as  
7 hereinbefore set forth . . .

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10 CHAIRMAN ROBIN STEIN: Good evening ladies  
11 and gentlemen. This hearing is called to order Tuesday,  
12 today, September 18, 2012. It's approximately 7:00 p.m.

13 I'm Robin Stein. I'm Chairman of the  
14 Connecticut Siting Council. Other members of the Council  
15 who are present are Mr. Golembiewski, the designee from  
16 the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection;  
17 Mr. Caron from the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority;  
18 Mr. Ashton; Mr. Lynch; Senator Murphy; Dr. Bell; and Mr.  
19 Wilensky.

20 Members of the staff are Linda Roberts,  
21 the Executive Director; Melanie Bachman, Staff Attorney;  
22 Michael Perrone, Siting Analyst. Gail Gregoriades is the  
23 court reporter and Joseph Reese the audio technician.

24 This is a continuation of a public hearing

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1 that began at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon.

2 Copies of the hearing program and the  
3 Council's Citizen Guide to Siting Council Procedures are  
4 available for the members of the public over there.

5 This hearing is held pursuant to the  
6 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General  
7 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act  
8 upon an application from New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC  
9 (AT&T) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility  
10 and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and  
11 operation of a telecommunications facility located at one  
12 of two possible sites; the first one is Roxbury Tax  
13 Assessor Parcel ID#32-008 off of Route 67 in Roxbury, and  
14 the other site at 126 Transylvania Road also in Roxbury.  
15 The application was received by the Council on July 3,  
16 2012.

17 This application is also governed by the  
18 Telecommunications Act of 1996, which is administered by  
19 the Federal Communications Commission Telecommunications  
20 Act. This act prohibits the Council from considering the  
21 health effects of radio frequency emissions on human  
22 health and wildlife to the extent that the emissions from  
23 towers are within the federal acceptable safe limits  
24 standard, which standard is also followed by the State

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1 Department of Public Health. The federal act also  
2 prohibits the Council from discriminating between and  
3 amongst providers of functionally equivalent services.  
4 This means that if one carrier already provides service  
5 for the area, other carriers have the right to compete  
6 and provide service in the same area.

7 The Applicant published notice of the  
8 filing of this application to the Council in May 30th and  
9 June 6, 2012 and appeared in The Voices. The Council's  
10 legal notice of the date and time of this hearing was  
11 published on August 1st of this year in The Voices and on  
12 July 31, 2012 in the Waterbury Republican American.

13 Upon this Council's request, the Applicant  
14 erected a sign at both proposed sites so as to inform the  
15 public of the name of the applicant, the type of  
16 facility, the hearing date and location, and contact  
17 information for the Council.

18 This afternoon members of the Council,  
19 staff, and public personally conducted a field review of  
20 both proposed sites in order to observe firsthand the  
21 potential effects of the proposal.

22 This hearing session tonight has been  
23 reserved for the public to make short statements into the  
24 record. These public statements are not subject to

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1 questions from the parties or the Council, and members of  
2 the public making statements may not ask questions of the  
3 parties or Council. So if you have a specific question  
4 of the Applicant, you can address it to the Council. And  
5 if there's time, we'll try to elicit a response.

6 A sign-up sheet is available for those who  
7 wish to participate, also located there.

8 Again as a reminder to all, any off-the-  
9 record communication with a member of the Council or a  
10 member of the Council staff upon the merits of this  
11 application is prohibited by law.

12 I wish to note that parties and  
13 intervenors, including their representatives and  
14 witnesses are not allowed to participate in the public  
15 comment session. There will be an opportunity at the  
16 continuation of the evidentiary hearing, whose time and  
17 date will be announced.

18 I also wish to note for those who are here  
19 and for the benefit of your friends and neighbors who are  
20 unable to join us for the public comment session, that  
21 you or they may send written statements to the Council  
22 within 30 days of today. And such written statements  
23 will be given the same weight as if spoken at the  
24 hearing.

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1                   We ask that each person making a public  
2 statement in this proceeding to confine his or her  
3 statements to the subject matter before the Council and  
4 to avoid unnecessary repetition so that we may hear all  
5 the concerns that you or your neighbors may have.

6                   A verbatim transcript will be made of this  
7 hearing and deposited at the Roxbury, Woodbury, and  
8 Southbury Town Clerks' Offices for the convenience of the  
9 public.

10                   And before I call on the public, Attorney  
11 Laub, would you or someone from your team like to make a  
12 brief presentation?

13                   MR. DANIEL M. LAUB: Yes, Mr. Chairman.  
14 For -- for tonight's presentation, I'd like to ask Mr.  
15 Lusitani to present the Site A facility. He was the  
16 project engineer for that. And then Mr. Kobylenski will  
17 follow him in presenting the details regarding Site B on  
18 Transylvania Road.

19                   MR. PAUL LUSITANI: My name is Paul  
20 Lusitani. I'm the engineer for the tower site on  
21 Southbury Road --

22                   A VOICE: Is your mic on?

23                   (pause)

24                   MR. LUSITANI: My name is Paul Lusitani.

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1 I'm the engineer for the tower site on Southbury Road.  
2 I'm going to give a general overview of the proposed  
3 installation.

4 This is plan of the overall parcel. We  
5 propose to locate a 75-by-75 compound on the south side  
6 of the parcel. Within the compound will be a 170-foot  
7 tower.

8 We propose to access the site from  
9 Southbury Road. We're going to utilize a future road  
10 being built by the property owner, which is shown here in  
11 red. From there we're going to construct a short access  
12 road to the site. The utilities will be coming from  
13 Southbury Road and they will run underground to the  
14 site.

15 MR. FRANCIS KOBYLENSKI: Thank you. I'm  
16 Francis Kobylenski. I'm a licensed professional engineer  
17 in the State of Connecticut and I've been involved with  
18 the design of the facility that's proposed at 126  
19 Transylvania Road, which is a parcel approximately 21  
20 acres. And the proposal is to -- hold on -- the proposal  
21 is to construct a 170-foot monopole telecommunications  
22 tower at that location with a 75-foot by 75-foot compound  
23 area that would encompass shelters that various cellular  
24 providers would install to serve their antennas.

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1                   The parcel of 21 acres is hilly as you may  
2 know if you know Transylvania Road. The road -- this is  
3 on the east side of the road and the site is accessed by  
4 initially the house driveway. That will be then -- the  
5 driveway for the site will come off of that existing  
6 paved driveway as a gravel driveway and traverse up the  
7 hill to the compound site. The gravel driveway is  
8 proposed to be 12 feet wide with one-foot shoulders. As  
9 I've just described, here's the Transylvania Road, the  
10 house, and the paved driveway. And the gravel driveway  
11 will then access up through the wooded area.

12                   The 75-by-75 foot compound that would  
13 house the tower or be occupied by the tower and the  
14 shelters -- initially as part of this application, it  
15 would just be the monopole, the antennas at the top of  
16 the monopole, and the shelter that would accommodate  
17 AT&T. But of course there's availability for other  
18 providers in the compound and on the antenna itself.

19                   The gravel driveway has been designed to  
20 accommodate underground power and telephone from an  
21 aerial pole that's located near the house. And from that  
22 location, it would run underground up the driveway to the  
23 compound. The driveway that's proposed when fully  
24 constructed is just under 600 feet long. And as I

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1 mentioned, it traverses up the hill and diagonal -- and  
2 here's kind of a little blow-up -- it diagonals up across  
3 the slope to the compound. The compound area existing is  
4 generally gentle topography. The driveway going up the  
5 slope varies from 12 percent to quite steep, a very short  
6 run of 24 percent, and then generally a nine percent  
7 grade once the bluff is crossed.

8 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Okay. We'll now go to  
9 the public. The list I have -- please when I call your  
10 name, go up to the mic and spell your last name so we  
11 make sure we have that correctly, and give us your  
12 address. The first person on the list is Trudy Swenson  
13 McKinna.

14 MS. TRUDY SWENSON MCKINNA: I'm sorry, I  
15 didn't hear all of that. Do I have to spell my last  
16 name?

17 CHAIRMAN STEIN: That would be -- yes  
18 please --

19 MS. MCKINNA: Okay --

20 CHAIRMAN STEIN: -- because we want to  
21 make sure we have it correct.

22 MS. MCKINNA: My name is Trudy Swenson  
23 McKinna. It's S-w-e-n-s-o-n, M-c-K-i-n-n-a.

24 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you.

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1 MS. MCKINNA: And I'm -- can I begin? I  
2 live on Transylvania Road, but I am here representing the  
3 Roxbury Conservation Commission.

4 The Town of Roxbury Conservation  
5 Commission submits this letter in opposition to the  
6 Application for a Certificate of Environmental  
7 Compatibility and Public Need submitted by AT&T on the  
8 2nd of July 2012 to the Connecticut Siting Council under  
9 Docket 428.

10 First: We object to the form of the  
11 application. AT&T has structured its application  
12 fundamentally as a choice between two sites for  
13 construction of a communication tower facility in  
14 Roxbury. Except for the election of public officials,  
15 decisions made by voters, the legislators, and regulatory  
16 bodies in the State of Connecticut are yes/no choices.  
17 AT&T has proposed its Candidate A site in a manner that  
18 at least suggests Roxbury will get the Candidate B site  
19 it previously has opposed unless it is agreeable to  
20 AT&T's construction of Candidate A. We believe this  
21 strategy to be improper. And if allowed to succeed, a  
22 bad precedent.

23 Second: We join in the statements,  
24 criteria, questions and concerns submitted by the Town of

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1 Roxbury on the 1st of August 2012, and object to the  
2 significant impact as outlined therein that either of  
3 these sites will have on the environment, town  
4 infrastructure, the picturesque and historical New  
5 England drive along Route 67, which follows the  
6 Transylvania Brook, and the valuation of resident  
7 properties.

8 Third: We note that AT&T's marketing  
9 material on its consumer websites claims at least  
10 moderate coverage throughout much of Roxbury. This  
11 characterization stands in sharp contrast to the poor to  
12 non-existent coverage throughout large areas of Roxbury  
13 indicated by the coverage maps included in its  
14 application. Both claims cannot be true. Indeed,  
15 coverage is poor to non-existent in many locations in  
16 Roxbury. We believe the primary objective of any new  
17 tower to be located in Roxbury at this time should be to  
18 materially extend and improve coverage in Roxbury. The  
19 eight to fourteen percent increase in coverage claimed to  
20 result from either proposed tower is small in comparison  
21 both to the need for improvement in Roxbury and to the  
22 coverage enhancement that would be provided in other  
23 towns. We believe that any coverage enhancement in  
24 Roxbury afforded by either proposed tower, except for

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1 drivers on Route 67 who should not be using cell phones  
2 while driving, is a byproduct rather than the primary  
3 objective of AT&T's application.

4 Fourth: The Conservation Commission and  
5 the town as a whole and many of its residents had  
6 strenuous objections to the site designated Candidate B  
7 in the application on both -- on the grounds both of the  
8 impact the proposed tower facility would have on this  
9 environmentally and infrastructurally fragile area and on  
10 the less than satisfactory engineering plan for site  
11 development. Whatever improvements now might apply to  
12 the site plan, the area is still fragile. There is no  
13 assurance that AT&T will act quickly and responsibly to  
14 preserve its character and integrity when problems occur  
15 and indemnify both the town and its residents against any  
16 expense or liability associated with such problems. We  
17 would expect stormwater runoff from Candidate Site B to  
18 regularly damage Transylvania Road, a dirt road eligible  
19 for both historic and scenic status, to create safety  
20 hazards for drivers and hikers in doing so, and to impair  
21 nearby downstream wetlands. We continue to object also  
22 to Candidate Site A, but acknowledge that its potentially  
23 adverse environmental and infrastructural impacts are  
24 less severe.

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1                   In summary, as you consider AT&T's  
2 application, we ask that you reflect on these important  
3 issues. The application appears to us to be disingenuous  
4 in several ways and it appears to ignore local interests  
5 and disregard the rights of those most vested in our  
6 community. There is a significant lack of investigation  
7 into alternate sites, particularly sites that would serve  
8 Roxbury better with less adverse impact. While  
9 apparently legal in the context of state law, AT&T's  
10 proposed installations do not conform to local  
11 regulations designed to avoid or minimize adverse impact  
12 on natural diversity, local endangered species, vernal  
13 pools and wetlands, historic and scenic town maintained  
14 dirt roads, drainage systems, scenic resources, and the  
15 appraised and comparative value of many homes in which  
16 residents have made lifetime investments. And this is on  
17 behalf of the Conservation Commission, myself Trudy  
18 Swenson McKinna, Hugh Rawson, Vice Chair, Kathy Massy,  
19 Secretary, Ron Fantass, Cecilia Santillo, Gary Steinman,  
20 and Barbara Monsted. Thank you.

21                   CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you. The next  
22 person on the list is Mark Wilson.

23                   MR. MARK WILSON: Mark Wilson, W-i-l-s-o-  
24 n, 116 Transylvania Road.

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1 I don't have anything quite so well  
2 prepared, but I just want to say a couple of words. I've  
3 been living here for 12 years. I moved in for the rural  
4 character. I could have never imagined this situation  
5 happening. So it's, you know, an understatement to say  
6 I'm opposed. I just want to state that very level-  
7 headedly here.

8 I guess in all the time I've been here,  
9 I've never had any complaints on coverage. And I would  
10 have said that even before hearing what transpired  
11 earlier in the meeting where the coverage seems to be in  
12 question, and it certainly is a very -- it seems a small  
13 benefit for the impact that these towers are going to  
14 have. So it's -- I just want to make that statement.

15 The visibility issues, we do these balloon  
16 floats with all the leaves up. You know, we did one a  
17 few years ago with the leaves down and they're very  
18 visible. I've got the pictures. I've got a presentation  
19 -- I'm going to follow up with a written submission of  
20 that. So I know in the Transylvania area it's very  
21 visible with the leaves down, which is at least half of  
22 the year. So please take that into account.

23 The -- the property values thing, I know  
24 you do the research and the response is there's no proof

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1 that it affects property values. In a rural area -- you  
2 know, a rural, suburban, I just can't believe that's  
3 true. This is quite -- at least the Transylvania  
4 installation is really in between quite a lot of houses  
5 for this area and I -- I just hope you'll take that into  
6 account and really weigh the seemingly slight benefits  
7 here from what I can see. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you. John Ambruso.

9 MR. JOHN AMBRUSO: My name is John  
10 Ambruso, A-m-b-r-u-s-o. I live at 118 Transylvania. I'm  
11 an abutter. And the way I look at it is I'm going to  
12 have to live with a diesel generator starting up every  
13 once in a while on maintenance, which I know it has to do  
14 because that's what I did in the service.

15 The fact that there's a vernal pond, a big  
16 one within a hundred and fifty to two hundred feet of  
17 your installation, I want -- I would like to know what's  
18 going to happen with the diesel spill if it happens,  
19 never mind the noise.

20 If you think your driveway is going to  
21 hold up, I've got a lot of bills from gravel companies  
22 that says it won't because it's too steep and it will  
23 wash out every time you get a major, major rain. That's  
24 a couple of inches in say half an hour. And I've

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1 experienced it as my neighbors have.

2           Years ago New York City looked like it was  
3 made out of telephone lines. And then during the 50's  
4 and 60's all you could see was TV antennas on top of  
5 houses. Once this went into effect over a year ago on a  
6 letter that I accidentally got from you guys, I started  
7 noticing the towers. And it seems like every time you  
8 come over the crest of a ridge and you look forward, you  
9 see another tower. I mean this is cuckoo. There are  
10 other things coming that are going to be better than a  
11 tower. And I don't see why you're going to invest your  
12 time and money for 2G or 3G. I really think you should  
13 go to 4G.

14           Winter maintenance on that driveway -- I  
15 don't know how the trucks are going to make it up unless  
16 they have chains. I've got to make an arrangement with  
17 my fuel oil dealer to get fuel.

18           To say the least, I'm against it, and you  
19 know my reasons now. Thank you very much.

20           CHAIRMAN STEIN: Thank you. I guess these  
21 two people are together, Julie and Bill Steers -- or is  
22 one of you going to be the spokesperson for --

23           MS. JULIE STEERS: Hi. I'm Julie Steers  
24 and Bill Steers. We live at 121 Transylvania Road and we

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1 are across the street from --

2 CHAIRMAN STEIN: For the record spell your  
3 last name please.

4 MS. STEERS: S-t-e-e-r-s. And we are  
5 directly across from the proposed site at 118  
6 Transylvania Road.

7 As my neighbors have also spoken, we could  
8 share their sentiments about the feelings to have a cell  
9 tower across from our property. It dismays us. We  
10 bought our property 20 years ago to have a rural  
11 existence and some privacy. So to have a large  
12 infrastructure that is going to be built across from our  
13 property and to impact our property, which it will -- and  
14 I can show you pictures of what happens to our property  
15 with improper drainage and improper infrastructure that  
16 may happen up the road from us or uphill from us.

17 We purchased our property and we bought  
18 the abutting lot at a great expense to us. So to --

19 MR. BILL STEERS: To preserve --

20 MS. STEERS: -- to preserve -- and I --  
21 just stepping back, to live on a dirt road, we have -- we  
22 accept certain compromises, bottom out oil pans and axels  
23 and everything else. So we're concerned about if a tower  
24 comes in and in the building phase and the maintenance

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1 phase, it just is going to really impact our road. It is  
2 going to impact a one and a half lane dirt road. It's  
3 going to cause problems for the town in the future. It's  
4 going to cause traffic. It's going to cause a lot of  
5 things that we didn't buy into when we built our lot, and  
6 we -- when we bought our adjacent lot.

7 So -- we understand our neighbor needs to  
8 do what she needs to do. We understand that there is a  
9 need or a desire to have cell towers, and that's fine.  
10 But for our road, it -- our road was not made for this --  
11 for that type of infrastructure. It was not made for  
12 that type of development. It's not maintained for that  
13 type of development. Although the town has worked with  
14 us to help with the drainage and all the other issues  
15 that come out of our road, but coming up from the --  
16 uphill, which is where this tower will be built, will be  
17 on the uphill. We're on the downhill and we know  
18 firsthand what can happen to the downhill if it's not  
19 done right, if it's not maintained, if it's not working  
20 because -- and I -- and I'm happy to share pictures from  
21 this year --

22 MR. STEERS: On your --

23 MS. STEERS: On my -- and it's on -- of  
24 what can happen through the storms. When the application

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1 -- there were two applications, the Transylvania Road and  
2 the Route 67 application came to wetlands, and I was at  
3 both meetings, and the wetlands commission basically said  
4 if we had -- we don't have to approve the Transylvania  
5 road application, but if we had the opportunity we would  
6 not approve it because of the problems of the runoff of  
7 the water, of the soils and everything else that are  
8 going to come off that mountainside or the hillside that  
9 will go downstream into the wetlands, we won't approve  
10 it. The other site, the 67 site was approved. The  
11 landowner went to Wetlands, approved the driveway. It  
12 was a driveway to whatever, but it was approved. It  
13 mitigated -- you know, it was -- it made wetlands -- the  
14 landowner took the time to get that driveway approved.  
15 It made the wetlands test. The Transylvania Road would  
16 not make the wetlands test. And I can attest not as a --  
17 I'm on the wetlands commission and I'm -- you know, but  
18 as a neighbor, as a person who has lived with  
19 Transylvania Road, it would not make the wetlands test.  
20 It just won't because there's too much coming off of it.  
21 There's too much in storms and things and the weather  
22 events that are coming, there's just -- the mountainside,  
23 the soils, everything else just can't handle the runoff.  
24 And what was brought out with the -- from our wetlands

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1 commissioner -- or from our Chair was like your  
2 engineering plan is fine except in the storms that we are  
3 experiencing now, and they won't handle it. And the  
4 problem for us is we're the property owner right below  
5 that and we don't want to see any more runoff  
6 compromised, wetlands, and everything else that is coming  
7 -- you know, that compromise our wetlands or to our  
8 property that is coming off of that hillside for the  
9 infrastructure that is being built potentially off of  
10 Transylvania Road, which is a road that frankly is not  
11 engineered -- I'm not an engineer, but I just know from  
12 living there it's not ready to handle that kind of  
13 infrastructure either in the building phase and the  
14 maintenance phase.

15 The other site -- I'm sorry, you know, if  
16 there's another site, 67, granted you have to do the  
17 crossing, granted you have to go up the hill, but from a  
18 long-term standpoint, again I look at it and say it's a  
19 no-brainer, that's an easier way to maintain and build  
20 and deal with a site if that's what has to be. To me --  
21 and again I'm biased, it would be a better site. And I'm  
22 happy to pass around the bunny, but to show you what can  
23 happen -- (indiscernible, moved away from mic) --

24 CHAIRMAN STEIN: You -- really if you want

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1       them to be part of the record, you -- you really should  
2       print them so we can --

3                   MS. STEERS: Can I do that --

4                   CHAIRMAN STEIN: You can -- you have --  
5       you have time to -- I mean you don't have to do it  
6       obviously tonight, but you --

7                   MS. STEERS: Do I have time --

8                   CHAIRMAN STEIN: Yes. If -- in my remarks  
9       you have 30 days to submit anything additional in writing  
10      --

11                  MS. STEERS: Okay --

12                  CHAIRMAN STEIN: -- which can also be  
13      pictures --

14                  MS. STEERS: Okay --

15                  CHAIRMAN STEIN: -- and we are expecting a  
16      storm event tonight, so --

17                  MS. STEERS: Okay --

18                  CHAIRMAN STEIN: -- if you're -- if you're  
19      finished, that would be --

20                  MS. STEERS: Okay, but with -- with the  
21      record, I will finish and say the town did a wonderful  
22      job mitigating our damage. And I don't know if you were  
23      out on the site, but if you had looked up Transylvania  
24      Road and saw like five --

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1 MR. STEERS: Culverts --

2 MS. STEERS: -- culverts and catch basins  
3 and those catch the water that will supposedly come down  
4 and goes under our property and catches the water and  
5 takes it out. And that's like an 18-inch pipe to handle  
6 the water. And I simply --

7 MR. STEERS: Right now there's just --  
8 where the -- below where -- the property where you're  
9 going to put the tower is just two culverts. I'm not  
10 sure of the size, but they're not anywhere near --

11 MS. STEERS: Eight inch I think --

12 MR. STEERS: -- as big as what's above us.  
13 And there's a lot of water that comes off that hillside.  
14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Okay, thank you. Is  
16 there anybody else? I don't believe that I have any  
17 other names on the list. Is there anybody else who  
18 wishes to speak?

19 COURT REPORTER: One moment please.

20 (pause - tape change)

21 MR. GARY STEINMAN: Mr. Chairman --

22 CHAIRMAN STEIN: That's what happens when  
23 you wait --

24 MR. STEINMAN: Yeah --

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1                   CHAIRMAN STEIN:  -- go ahead.  Make sure  
2                   you give us your name and spell it out.

3                   MR. STEINMAN:  My name is Gary Steinman,  
4                   G-a-r-y.  Steinman, S-t-e-i-n-m-a-n.

5                   And the only reason I'm getting up is I  
6                   knew that there was a person who was planning on speaking  
7                   and I would at least like to touch on the issue.  Just  
8                   for the record, I am on the Conservation Commission and I  
9                   was past chair and vice-chair.  Right now two of our  
10                  commission members are real estate agents.  And there are  
11                  two other real estate agents who have recently retired  
12                  from the commission.  So amongst the things that we hear  
13                  about in our meetings are things about property values.  
14                  The issue of property values came up with the  
15                  Transylvania site the last round.  And I believe AT&T's  
16                  position was there is no research that demonstrates that  
17                  cell towers change property values.  Well that sort of  
18                  flies in the face of common sense.  But our -- the agents  
19                  on our commissions -- on our commission regularly report  
20                  in their activity in the area around even where these  
21                  proposed towers are going and they're having a hard time  
22                  getting people even to look at properties, never mind buy  
23                  them.  So, I just wanted to put that on the oral record  
24                  for this evening, and I'm sure that the person who was

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1 going to make a statement in that regard will send you a  
2 letter. Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN STEIN: Alright, thank you. We  
4 will now close the public comment session of the hearing.

5 I'd like to announce that the evidentiary  
6 portion of the hearing, which started this afternoon,  
7 will be continued at the Siting Council's offices in New  
8 Britain on Tuesday, October 30th of this year at 11:00  
9 o'clock in the morning.

10 Again, please note that anyone who has not  
11 become a party or intervenor, but desires to make his or  
12 her views known or submit any additional photos or  
13 written material, you may say -- so do that with the  
14 Council up until the point where the record closes, which  
15 will be at least 30 days and even further than today.

16 Again, copies of the transcript of this  
17 hearing will be filed in the Town Clerks' Offices of  
18 Roxbury, Woodbury, and Southbury.

19 I, therefore, declare this hearing  
20 adjourned. And for those of us who have to -- and you  
21 who have to drive some distance, be very careful tonight.  
22 Thank you.

23 (Whereupon, the hearing adjourned at 7:36  
24 p.m.)

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